

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**currently amended**). An adhesive tape having a backing and a cohesive adhesive composition, wherein the cohesive adhesive composition is a butadiene-acrylate dispersion having a butadiene content of more than 55% in a blend with natural rubber latex and has been coated onto the backing and then dried.

Claim 2 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the natural rubber latex is either of the low ammonia or of the high ammonia type.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**). The tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein said butadiene-acrylate is a mixture of ~~different butadiene-acrylate types~~ butadiene-acrylates and said natural rubber latex is a mixture of ~~different natural rubber latex types~~ natural rubber latexes.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is chemically crosslinked.

Claim 5 (**currently amended**). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive composition is crosslinked by electron beam crosslinking (EBC).

Claim 6 (previously presented). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein its aging stability is improved by the addition of aging inhibitors and UV stabilizers.

Claim 7 (curr ntly amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the backing is comprised of a material selected from the group c nsisting of a polyolefins, polyesters, PVC or and paper.

Claim 8 (original). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the application rate of the adhesive composition is 10-120 g/m².

Claim 9 (currently amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein to improve the anchoring of the composition the surface of the backing is ~~physically~~ surface treated by corona or flame pretreatment or is ~~pretreated~~ coated with a primer.

Claim 10 (original). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the butadiene-acrylate dispersion is a carboxylated butadiene-acrylate dispersion.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The adhesive tape as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fraction of natural rubber latex is in the range 5-80%, based on the total solids content of butadiene-acrylate copolymer and natural rubber latex.

Claim 12. (cancelled)

Claim 13. (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended). The adhesive tape of claim 4, wherein said adhesive composition is chemically crosslinked with a crosslinker selected from the group

consisting of aluminum chelate, titanium chelate, ~~other metal complexes~~, isocyanates and epoxys.

Claim 15 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of claim 11, wherein said range is 20-50%.

Claim 16 (previously presented). The adhesive tape of claim 1, wherein said adhesive composition is free of tackifier resin.